

RAPID RESPONSE TEAM



What is the RRT?

The Global Nutrition Cluster (GNC) RRT provides short, temporary support to strengthen the coordination and information management capacities of countries during nutrition in emergencies (NiE), when and as requested. Nutrition cluster coordinators (NCC) and information management officers (IMO) with the technical capacity to meet the needs and priorities of at risk and crisis affected people are rapidly deployed – both in-country and remotely – when a request for support is received.

The RRT ensure a proper coordination mechanism at national and sub-national level is in place while helping countries to establish sub-national clusters through capacity strengthening, mentoring, facilitation, and supporting in nutrition cluster dashboard design. If more support is needed, the RRT can link country teams to dedicated GNC helpdesk staff.

Who is the RRT?

The RRT consists of four experienced individuals – two NCCs and two IMOs – who have the necessary technical skills and capacity, including nutrition expertise, to support capacity strengthening efforts. Our RRT members have a wealth experience, ranging from 8 years to 19 years' and collectively, have worked in more than two dozen countries.

How long do RRT members provide support?

Currently, each RRT member can provide emergency, dedicated country* support for up to three weeks and can be in-country within 72 hours (depending on visa procedures). Where necessary, remote support can be continued beyond the three weeks. If longer term support is needed, support can be provided through

stand by partners and the consultant roster. It is the responsibility of the country office to organise for and recruit a longer-term NCC or IMO.

*Based on the successful experience of RO level support, piloted in ESARO and WCARO in 2022, we are currently working toward expanding RRT support to RO level in 2023.

What are the costs associated with RRT support?

Cost sharing and cost recovery arrangements will be on a case-by-case basis for each RRT. Countries / organizations will contribute to costs when they can, but this is not a requirement for support. Countries that cannot afford to contribute can still access support with the costs covered by the GNC.

What about support for UNICEF's own emergency response?

During deployment, the RRT is fully accommodated within the UNICEF operation. However, the RRT is not expected to support cluster-lead agency specific interventions. Support for UNICEF's own response can be sought from the Regional Emergency and Nutrition Advisor, NYHQ, staff on mission from other UNICEF offices, other Standby Agreements, and external recruitment.

Does a contract need to be issued?

No, but a Terms of Reference (ToR) must be provided with the initial request, and the RRT personnel must be fully accommodated within the country operation (Official UN ID card; assigned supervisor; included in the organisational chart and security arrangements; induction briefings; necessary equipment and transportation).

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ROLE OF THE RRT

Support is provided in the following capacities

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Nutrition Cluster Coordinator (NCC):

- Facilitate/support nutrition cluster coordination processes at national and sub-national levels;
- Coordinate identification of needs, gaps, and responses;
- Contribute to capacity strengthening through facilitating training sessions and mentoring programmes;
- Facilitate the development of a nutrition cluster emergency response strategy;
- Engage key stakeholders from governments, national or international NGOs, UN agencies, and donors;
- Coordinate nutrition partners to ensure that gaps are being identified and filled and overlaps are minimised;
- Provide technical guidance / coordination for nutrition cluster partners on key nutrition interventions.

Criteria for support:

1. Emergencies with a system-wide scale up activation (L2 and L3 emergencies);
2. Rapid onset emergencies or rapid deterioration of pre-existing situation;
3. Unpredictable and sudden loss of CC/IM capacity;
4. To strengthen underperforming CC/IM platforms.

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Information Management Officer (IMO):

- Management of information on nutrition needs, gaps, and responses;
- Timely and accurate reporting amongst cluster partners;
- Design and dissemination of information management products (e.g. Dashboards, maps of interventions and need/gaps analysis, cluster website and contact lists);
- Contribute to capacity strengthening through facilitating training sessions and mentoring programmes.

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A Global Nutrition Cluster initiative to provide *emergency operational support* to country nutrition clusters prior to, during or after an emergency



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